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Commissioner for Patents
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DECLARATION TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Further to our request for reconsideration filed September 22, 2003, we have obtained the signature of the inventor Parekh, and now enclose his declaration for this application. We believe that it would be appropriate to declare the petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) moot, and to return this application to normal processing for examination.

Any fee due at this time may be charged to Deposit Account 19-2110.

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As the inventor(s) named below, I/we declare that:

I/we believe I/we am/are the original, joint and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

"A Solid Formulation of Glucosamine Sulphate",

which was described in International Application **PCT/CH99/00289**, filed July 2, 1999, the U.S. national phase of which is United States patent application No. **09/926821**, filed December 26, 2001, which was amended December 26, 2001;

I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims thereof, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

I/we hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| Number | Country | Filing Date | Priority claimed |
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All statements made herein of my/our own knowledge are true, all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that the making of willful false statements or the like is punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY: I hereby appoint Charles Winston Fallow, Reg. No. 28,946 and Allen P. Rosenberg, Reg. No. 24,946 as my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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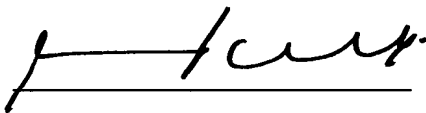
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